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Testimony Opposing Senate Bill No. 368

AN ACT PHASING OUT THE HOSPITALS TAX

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill No. 368, An Act Phasing Out the Hospitals Tax.

This bill would phase out the hospitals tax between fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2019. The tax would be phased out in 20% increments over that period of time. If enacted, this bill would result in an estimated \$75 million revenue loss to the state in fiscal year 2015, and the loss would grow to approximately \$360 million by fiscal year 2019, when the tax is fully phased out.

I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. I respectfully request that the committee oppose this bill and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.